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12 January 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)
Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Request of Mr. Homans for Authorization to
Discuss Psychological Warfare with []
O/PC

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1. On 8 January Mr. George C. Homans and Lieut. Commander Mosel, both of the Research and Development Board, came to my office for help in obtaining the necessary authorization for Mr. Homans to discuss (a) with [] the research [] is doing in support of psychological warfare, and (b) with O/PC the kinds of psychological operations in which they engage.

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2. Mr. Homans is the chairman of the recently formed Ad Hoc Committee on Psychological Warfare of the Research and Development Board. The tasks assigned his committee as he explained them are:

a. To survey the research now being done in support of psychological warfare whether within the Government or by outside institutions.

b. To recommend what research not now in progress should be undertaken.

c. To recommend what mechanism(s) should be used to control or monitor research in this field.

d. To investigate how research is being used in psychological operations and endeavor to make it more useful.

3. The membership of the Ad Hoc Committee, besides Mr. Homans, is as follows:

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[]
Lieut. Commander Mosel, Executive Secretary, from ONI
Mr. Harry Nadel, Executive Director, Human Resources Committee, RDB

4. I understand that Mr. Homans has been cleared for TOP SECRET and was recently offered a job with [] He has talked with [] in general terms and was told there was no apparent objection to obtaining formal authorization to discuss []

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5. Mr. Homans recognizes the sensitive nature of CIA psychological operations and agrees that any information he receives will not be passed on to the other members of his committee. He points out, however, that in order for his committee to be really useful in guiding psychological research, its chairman must be familiar in general terms with the types of PW operations in which O/PC engages. He does not need to know of specific operations in progress or planned.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That DD/P authorize Mr. Homans to contact O/PC and discuss their psychological operations with appropriate persons in general terms.

2. That DD/I authorize Mr. Homans to make the contacts [redacted] and discuss their research work, provided

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a. that any work being done solely for O/PC will be discussed, if at all, by O/PC itself [redacted]

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b. that Mr. Homans agree, as with O/PC activities, that information [redacted] will not be passed on to the other members of his committee.

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Concurrences:

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